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COTTON NOW BRINGING A GOOD PRICE IN SPUR

This week quite a number of bales of cotton were sold in Spur to the merchants and cotton buyers, and in every instance a high price was paid the producer. W. B. Harvey, of Afton, brought in six bales and sold for a price of 10.10. Chas. Windham, of north of Dickens, sold ten bales at 10.50. Others sold cotton in smaller quantities, making the total sales throughout the week amount to a large sum of money going to the producers of the staple crop of this country.

Throughout the year more than five thousand bales of cotton have been marketed here, and considering all the disadvantages encountered we consider that number a fair showing for a newly settled and developing country. This year hundreds of acres of new land will be cultivated and the thousands of acres of land cultivated the first time last year will be in better shape and will produce more abundantly this year, and considering the ideal crop prospects at the present time we are now expecting an enormous crop of all kinds of products during the year 1912.

AN EASTER OUTING

Sunday a party composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin, Jack and Gill Humphrey, Neal Holman, and Miss Wooly, Arthur Poole and Misses Nina Joplin, Elnora Dunn and Addie Poole and Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure and children went to Crow Springs near Dickens and spent the afternoon. The ladies had prepared a most inviting basket luncheon which was spread on the banks of the spring and the party fared so sumptuously that at least one of the number was acclaimed incapacitated for the evening's program.

The day was very pleasant, and but for an accident in transit the occasion was one of merriment and good cheer. In driving over from Spur four of the party, composed of Misses Nina Joplin, Addie Poole and Elnora Dunn and "chaperoned" by Arthur Poole who was engaged as driver of the equipment, the vehicle was inadvertently tipped over and all occupants were more or less unceremoniously shaken up and deposited by the way-side. It is said that Mr. Poole, for convenience sake, had tied the reins around his person, thus relieving his hands and arms of all unnecessary burdens, when a single tree loosed from the vehicle caused the off horse to veer to the near side of the road with the result that the equipment was overturned. Miss Elnora Dunn was more seriously injured than others of the party, she being carried immediately to Dickens to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stradley where Dr. Hale was summoned and rendered effective medical aid.

Altogether the Easter outing to Crow Springs will long be remembered by every member of the party.

ON HIS RECOMMENDATION

"One of the most successful business men in this town owes a good part of his success to a mistake I made in my salad days as a private detective," said the shrewd-looking man. "He was employed in a very unremunerative capacity by a wholesale merchant. There came a time when the merchant wished to promote somebody, but he didn't know who deserved it most. He put the case to the manager of a private detective agency, and I was detailed to shadow the clerks and find out which of them talked shop most enthusiastically after working hours.

"After three weeks of conscientious shadowing I recommended my lowly clerk. He talked shop every minute of the time with an intelligence I had never heard equalled. The report was turned in to my chief, but two days later the merchant requested an interview with me. I went around to his store, and there sat my clerk at his right hand, figuring away for dear life. I nearly fainted when I found they were dealing in dry goods. I don't know whether the chief's explanation had lacked lucidity or whether my wits had gone woolgathering. Somehow, I had got the impression that the man employing him was a brewer. Anyhow that was all the young man talked about, and I had recommended him on the supposition that what he didn't know

about beer wasn't worth knowing. Never once had I heard him mention dry goods, but I took mighty good care not to let the merchant know it. Nobody ever could understand how the plodding clerk happened to be selected for promotion; he couldn't understand it himself, he had made the best of the opportunity, so no one ever had occasion to regret it."

MOVING TO SPUR

Cotton Buyer Cole, who has been spending the fall in Spur buying cotton, returned this week to his home at Graham. Mr. Cole informed us that he intended to move his family to Spur and make this his permanent home and cotton buying headquarters in the future. Mr. Cole is an experienced cotton buyer and will add much to the market interests of the town.

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JENNINGS RESIDENCE WAS BURNED THURSDAY

The H. W. Jennings residence in the northwest part of the city was totally destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon about 1 o'clock, the house and contents being a total loss.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have caught from a defective flue in the kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings had just finished dinner and returned to the Bryant-Link store where they were employed when the fire alarm was given. Nothing but a trunk, and rocking chair and possibly one or two other small items of household effects were removed from the burning building.

The house and contents were insured for about \$1500, which amount did not cover the loss.

MOTHER MUCH IMPROVED

Mrs. W. H. Teague returned this week from east Texas where she had been several weeks with her mother who has been quite sick. Mrs. Teague reports that her mother is very much improved in health, but had not entirely recovered at the time she left her.

VISITOR FROM STAMFORD

Captain J. A. Lambdin came up Monday from Stamford and spent several days here looking after his business interests in the absence of C. L. Love who has been to eastern markets to buy goods.

GONE TO ALAMO CITY

W. F. Godfrey left Wednesday to attend the Praetorian State Convention to be held this week in San Antonio. Mr. Godfrey will spend several days in the Alamo City before returning home.

Don't forget to visit the Wonder.

FINE PROSPECTS

R. R. Morrison went down to Rotan Saturday, returning Tuesday. He reports crop prospects in that section the very finest at this time and says that considerable business is being done by the various merchants of the town.

Something new in millinery arrived at the Wonder.

TO VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY

I have thought before this time that I would be able to get out and meet the people in interest of my candidacy for County Judge, but press of matters that could not be neglected have kept me at home. However, I will be able to get out after the 20th of this month, and I expect to make a trip over the county and meet as many people as possible. Later when the proper time seems to have come I expect to speak at each school house in the county; and I trust the people will be enough interested in the office of County Judge to come and hear me. Other candidates for all county offices will be invited to meet with me at these appointments. I want to meet the people face to face and frankly and fully state my position on matters pertaining to the office of County Judge, then there can be no hearsay or misunderstanding.

Briefly I will here state my position on a few matters of interest:

1st. I consider the Public Schools of greatest importance. The County Judge is also county Superintendent of public schools and he can and should do a great work in helping to give the people of Dickens county all that is due them in return for the children's money that is being spent.

2nd. I am for good roads. I do not mean by this that I want an automobile or rubber-tire buggy pike on each section line, but I do mean that I want roads so that farmers can get their products to market. I think much can be accomplished by County Judge and Commissioners co-operating with road overseers and road hands.

I believe in, and will submit for publication all official acts and proceedings of the Commissioners Court.

For a more complete statement of my position come to my appointment and hear me fully and ask me any question you please. You will get a respectful answer.

I have not lived in this county as long as some but expect to make this my home whether or not I am elected County Judge.

So far as I know I have no enemies, and if I felt I would make an enemy of only one by seeking or holding this office I would not make the race. I expect, if elected, for every citizen

COUNTY PRODUCES MORE COTTON THAN CAN PICK

A. J. Brasswell, a prominent citizen and farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, handing us a dollar to extend his subscription up ahead several months and for which he has our thanks. Mr. Brasswell said that he produced and marketed sixty bales of cotton last year on his place, and that on account of not being able to secure enough cotton pickers a number of bales were left unpicked in the field. Such has been the experience of many farmers of the country. The fact of the business is that the soil of the Spur country and Dickens county will produce more cotton and other products than can be properly attended to by the limited number of farmers and people.

Practical experiences each year demonstrates that the country is one of the greatest farming sections of America, and this fact is becoming more generally recognized and appreciated by the world. Nowhere will the prospector and homeseekers find a section of country offering more inducements in farming interests and a comfortable and prosperous home than Dickens county and the Spur country.

SOLD BUSINESS IN SPUR.

Judge E. J. Cowan left Tuesday for his former home at Mart to visit his mother several days. Mr. Cowan recently sold his insurance business. Judge Cowan was one of the first men to locate in Spur, having spent some time doing business in Dickens awaiting the opening of Spur to establish an office here. He is a good citizen and his many friends here wish him a more lucrative business in his new location. He will re-engage in the insurance business later in a larger city. Judge Cowan has valuable property interests in Spur and as a result he will not entirely forget Spur, and for other reasons he will probably be a frequent visitor in the city in the future.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Gentlemen
Mr. V. H. Glascock, Mr. W. B. McDaniel.

Ladies
Mrs. Mollie Wagstaff.

C. L. Love returned Tuesday from Waco and other places where he spent several days on business and buying goods for the J. A. Lambdin Company stores here and at Stamford.

John Mayse, of Hamlin, came up Wednesday and will be with the Riter Hardware Company during the absence of Mr. Riter who has gone to Hamlin to spend some time.

of Dickens county of whatever political faith or alignment to look alike to me, as regards his relations to my official duties.

Respectfully,
W. A. CRADDOCK,

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Life is perpetual motion. When action of the body ceases, that is death. Life is achieved. It is not given by one to another. Neither mortal nor eternal life is gift. You work to live. Lie down and never stir again of yourself, and the end is here, no matter how many servants come and go to serve you.

We work for success. And yet success has ruined almost all who have succeeded, says Mrs. Elbert Hubbard in McCall's for March. Individuals and nations have risen from poverty and want to affluence, to position where they could control circumstances connected with their welfare. When ease and luxury were within their reach, few have resisted their lure. Hard necessity has been man's best friend. He has grown through exercise. Yet when a man has had the opportunity to choose he has rarely been wise enough to see that the methods used to develop him thus far, are the methods to follow if he wishes to be well.

We have been told that heaven is an ideal. Also that heaven is a goal where everything is provided and much of it. Eternal rest, ease, luxury, angels for servants, and nothing to do, are requisites for happiness and immortality, according to some interpreters of the Bible. Places where there is little work, much to spend and ease and luxury, have seemed to be suburbs to Paradise. And this teaching and the natural pull of inertia have led people and nations to death. The few who have acquired the work habit, and the very wise few who have foreseen and have understood the sure penalty for inaction have escaped. Not to succeed, but to forever be in the struggle, has saved and kept virile the people who have preserved the race.

A PEANUT GROWER

J. L. Colly, a successful farmer southwest of Paris, is an enthusiastic advocate of peanut raising and thinks the farmers should make a practice of growing them for forage. He says that it is all a mistake about blackland not being adapted to raising them. He has grown them on heavy black land the last eleven years and has never made a failure. He doesn't raise them for market, but to feed to his stock, growing them in preference to oats for the reason that they are an easier crop to gather and will stand more dry or wet weather than any other crop in this section. Owing to the short corn crop last year, Mr. Colly says that he has fed his stock on peanuts and peanut hay the last four months almost exclusively, except a little prairie hay occasionally, and that they have kept in fine, healthy condition and strong. He says the peanuts grow in dry weather as well as wet weather, being but little affected by either extreme, and that they make a splendid fertilizer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Taylor, of the Plains country, were in the city this week visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor of the city. Mr. Taylor has been suffering of rheumatism the past several months and gets about now only by the aid of a crutch. He reports everything in his section in the finest shape with respect to seasons and crop conditions, farmers all up with their work, and expecting bumper crops.

WOODROW WILSON THE STORM CENTER

The man of whom the professional politicians are afraid is Woodrow Wilson. They are all tiring their batteries and their small guns on him. They recognize in him a formidable rival, and they know that if they defeat him they will have to make the fight of their lives. He stands for the people against the schemes of predatory wealth. He has the courage of his convictions. He is a genuine reformer. He knows that our present tariff system is a public robbery, and for years it has built up the fortunes of the rich and powerful corporations at the expense of the poor man and the toiling millions. His enemies see in him a menace to their robbery and debauchery of the public weal. Wilson wants pure politics, and Wall Street, the colossal cormorant of the commercial and financial world, is alarmed because of the growth of his popularity. That monstrous organization of greed and oppression which has for years of Republican misrule dominated the business interests of this government does not want Wilson to succeed. It knows that it will have no standing at Washington if he goes into the White House. —Sulphur Springs Gazette.

SPRING FEVER

Doubtless, "spring fever" of one kind or another has attacked most of us before this. The winter has been long and cold, for our latitude, and we long for the vernal season, the season of springing, growing, blossoming green things, the hum of waking nature; to see long lines of tender green stretching across the dark fields; to inhale the fragrant, earthy smell that follows the freshly turned sod and the newly opened furrow. These infuse new life and waken within us the desire to do things—all these teach the beautiful lesson of immortality of the soul; that we, too, shall rise again after a quiet sleep in the bosom of our mother earth.

The fever to plant the fields, the gardens and flowers is the fever to cultivate; but how delightful is the other "spring fever," at which we laugh and affect scorn. The lassitude and inertia we (some of us) are prone to indulge in, even ever so little, at this season; to sit in dreamy languor in the warm sunshine; to watch busy Nature as she nourishes, coaxes and teaches her numerous children to attain perfection, each in its own peculiar nature and province; to watch the busy world go by, then to be rudely awakened to the fact that our sloth has lost us the enjoyment of all the beautiful things we only dreamed of, warns us to beware! —Ex.

W. D. Clay is now employed at the Electric Light Plant.

M. A. Darden, a prominent business man of Girard, was in Spur recently on business and spent some time here.

Mrs. Jess Moseley left Monday for San Angelo on an extended visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hazlewood.

I will appreciate your vote for county judge of Dickens county. —C. H. Senning.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Van Leer, who recently moved from their home in the city to a place near Spur, were visitors here this week.

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I have for sale a quarter section of land, situated in the famous Croton country. This is the Northwest quarter of Abstract No. 314.—P. C. Maynard, Elgin, Texas.

J. P. Gibson, of Steel Hill, was in town this week on business.

M. A. and A. W. Jordan of Steel Hill, were in the city this week and spent some time here.

G. C. Pass moved the Montgomery house Tuesday to a lot in the western part of the city.

J. W. McCormick, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Monday on business and to attend Justice Court.

Mrs. J. W. Bramhall has been quite sick of mumps the past week and we hope soon to report her complete recovery.

W. T. Duke was in the city one day this week from his place several miles southwest of Spur and says that he intends to make a record breaking crop this year, everything now being most promising to that end.

Mrs. L. N. Riter left Monday for Aspermont, where she spent the night with friends. Mr. Riter joined her there Tuesday, both going through the country to Hamlin where they will spend some time visiting with their daughter before returning to Spur.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

It would appear from numerous references thereto in medical journals that castor oil is to come to its own again after having long been out of favor. Those of us who were children a generation or more ago will recall with a regurgitation of memory not altogether agreeable, the olden time when this domestic remedy was always within reach of mother. The administration of the oil was accompanied by the most persuasive blandishments on the part of the mother, which were usually followed by threats of what should happen if the remedy was not taken submissively, every drop. Besides this the rankest bribery was often resorted to, and many a victim only yielded when, beside all other promises, there was an added contribution in actual cash. A contributor to the New York Medical Journal, noting the value of castor oil, the administration of which may be left in the hand of mother, approves its use at the beginning of most fevers or of so-called "cold," cases of acute indigestion, ptomaine poisoning, certain kinds of acute diarrhoea and the like. He also adds that a mixture of equal parts of castor oil and spiced syrup of rhubarb is an effective household remedy. This is certainly a departure from the dainty pharmaceutical preparations of today.—Indianapolis News.

Mr. Dunn is again able to be on the streets after several days confinement on account of the mumps.

One span of mules, wagon and harness for sale. Fall time if desired. See Spur National Bank. 22-1f

Mr. Rhodes, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports everything in the finest shape in his section.

A SHORT DREAM

The following, from the La Grange Graphic, is one of the prettiest sermons ever printed in so few words: "I saw a dancing bubble upon the silvery surface of a restless river. For a moment it sparkled with golden light as it caught and held the sunshine, and I thought how beautiful it was. Then it went down. For a moment the river told where it had vanished; and then swept on without even a ripple on its placid bosom. And I thought how like our lives was the bubble on the river. For a moment we sparkle in our tiny spheres, hope, toil and struggle, love and long and dream, and then go down beneath the surface forever. In a short time the tiny ripples we have caused die out, and the great river of humanity goes on undisturbed. So let us strive within our brief existence to reflect only the sunshine, not mirror the clouds above us."

W. G. Sherrod and Miss Hardin were visitors Sunday to Dickens, where they spent some time with friends.

Dr. Morris was able to be removed Sunday from the Standifer Hospital where he has been some time on account of an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Pearl Blackwell was on the streets Monday for the first time since an operation several weeks ago at the Standifer Hospital.

W. H. Smith was in town Monday from his home in the Catfish country. Mr. Smith reports that he has corn up and now four or five inches high and growing to beat six bits. Mr. Smith was formerly a newspaper man and we are confident that he will become one of the most successful farmers in the country.

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**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

BROOM CORN IN TEXAS

In answer to the inquiry of W. H. Matthews of Runnels county, about raising broom corn the following information may serve:

Broom corn is not a crop for light or thin land. It requires the best soil, preferably the deepest and richest on the farm. The principal broom corn section of the United States for a number of years has been the black land counties of central Illinois, but of late years broom corn has been a profitable crop in parts of Oklahoma and in that portion of Texas lying along the Santa Fe railway between Amarillo and the Oklahoma line.

In Oklahoma two types of broom corn are grown, the Dwarf and the Standard. The Dwarf is said to be the better adapted to semi-arid regions, to sandy soil and to the upland sections. It grows from 4 to 6 feet high while the Standard grows from 7 to 12 feet high.

Broom corn should be planted, if possible, on land that has been fall plowed. Two weeks before planting, the land should be disced and harrowed, and if necessary harrowed a second time before planting. Broom corn has been found a profitable crop on sod land where the land was prepared properly.

The young plants are very tender and will not stand the cold of early spring like corn. The seed will rot before germinating if subjected to cold and wet. A suggestion for profitable planting of large acreages is to divide the field off into sections of about 20 acres each, and plant at intervals of about

a week apart, waiting, of course, until the ground has become warm and there is no danger of further cold weather. The reason for planting small tracts a week apart becomes apparent at harvesting time when, if all the crop matured at once, it would be impossible on the ordinary farm to handle it properly and quickly.

The method for planting broom corn is about the same as for kaffir corn. Plant in rows about three feet apart and four or five inches apart in the row. The Standard variety is usually planted in rows three to twelve feet apart.

Good seed is most important. Seed should be tested immediately after receiving and should germinate from 90 to 95 per cent, that is 100 grains selected at random from a quart of seed ought to show 90 to 95 sprouts. Two quarts of seed will plant an acre, and a bushel is sufficient to plant 20 acres.

Cultivation should begin early. Some farmers use a sharp tooth harrow just as the plants are coming up. After such harrowing the field should receive about two cultivations of medium depth and after that the cultivation should be shallow so as not to injure the roots and preserve the moisture in the ground.

The harvesting of broom corn is highly important. It should be cut just as soon as the plants are coming into full bloom or when the anthers are falling from the head. The methods for the two varieties are a little different. The head of the Dwarf variety is enclosed in a

sheath or "boots." It is more convenient to pull the head than to cut it, after which the "boot" is removed. The heads are usually pulled and piled in bunches along the row. The brush from three or four rows is piled together and after drying two or three days is stacked in small ricks. Because of the greater height of the Standard broom corn it is necessary to bend the heads over to make them easy to cut. The stalks are bent at a height of about 3 feet. Two adjacent rows are bent diagonally across the intervening space so that the portion of the stalks above the sharp bend is supported in a horizontal position, with the seed ends of one row extending about two feet beyond the opposite row. This method is called "tabling." One man can table as fast as two can cut. In cutting, the operator walks along the spaces between the tables and cuts the heads six or eight inches below the attachment of the straws. The brush as cut is laid by handfuls on every second table, making it convenient for loading on a wagon.

After drying the brush should retain its light green color. It cannot be dried in the sun without bleaching to a bright brown. By curing in sheds, the original green color can be retained to a large extent. The average time for drying is about 30 days. The heads are then threshed and baled.

Any firm of seedsmen from whom a farmer wishing to raise broom corn purchases his seed, can put him in touch with a

buyer. Usually a number of buyers visit every community where any amount of broom corn is raised and bidding is very keen.—Texas Farm Co-Operator.

HOME (?) PATRONAGE

One day recently while in a store, the writer picked up an envelope that bore the firm's ad and return instructions. One of the firm said:

"Yes, I can get that kind of work (embossed) cheaper, when I can order in 3000 lots than I can have common ones printed for in Cisco."

This statement is indicative of why the printing fraternity in this town is traveling such a "rocky" (financial) road. We are urged that it is the proper thing to advocate local enterprises and all in our power to help keep the consumers' money at home in order to prevent property values from going to pieces, but in numerous instances we are being denied the patronage that come in our line of work, not even being allowed a bid. There often goes out orders from this town for wedding invitations, etc., after which it is expected that the local paper will teem with "swell" write ups, which occasion a money cost to the publisher of 75c per column for printer hire, (space gratis to the "happy pair") all without compensation to the publisher. (And we might also add it is "unprofessional" to announce, so some say, their occupation as a physician.)

There is scarcely a printing office in Eastland county that cannot do this kind of work, or

any other demanded in the locality where they exist. If given the printing which they have a right to expect, they can or will, prepare themselves to run it out in a respectable manner, at reasonable prices, including bank stationery.

In this connection I want to say that if it is bad business for the retailer to spend his money at home, it is equally bad for the "ultimate consumer" to do so, and the interior towns of Texas just as well close out to Buck Sir Roe & Co. at "bargain" prices; for it is absolutely certain if printing can be ordered at a "big discount," as some claim, so can every other commodity distributed at retail.

The slogan, patronize home, must apply to all, or none.

The above was written by Theo. France for the Cisco Apert but it fits in pretty well at other places.

RAILROAD NEWS

From every indication it is apparent to those outside of the railroad circles that we will soon have some railroad building into and out of Spur. There is little doubt but that the Crosbyton & South Plains Railroad will begin construction work on the extension of that line into Spur and make connection here with the Stamford & Northwestern some time this year. The stockholders of that road will meet again some time in April, we understand, and it is presumed that work will begin immediately after this stockholders meeting.

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The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for offices in Dickens County and this Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primary in July.

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T. J. Harrison

For County and District Clerk:
Crawford Cobb (Re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
J. B. Conner
D. C. Sparks

For County Commissioner (Precinct 3):
H. T. Garner
Jeff D. Reagan

For County Surveyor:
L. T. Cochran

For County Judge:
W. A. Craddock

For County Treasurer:
B. A. Crego (Re-election)

It is out of question that any kind of business will prosper without advertising in some manner. In the establishment of a town the people are informed of such intention before they come to it, and after it is established the business men only through advertising let the people know what they have and offer inducements to secure the trade. The fact that Spur has a railroad and as a result can make railroad prices to the trade is an inducement to secure the trade, yet if the public were not made aware of these things the people would not come here. All business is the direct and indirect result of advertising and yet you will occasionally find a business man who will tell you that it does not pay to advertise. The business man of any town who fails to advertise is not only of no benefit to that town but is a real burden to the more progressive business interests. For instance, if we had six big mercantile establishments in Spur and five of that number were extensive and liberal advertisers for the trade of this territory, while the sixth mercantile establishment refused to advertise because he thought advertising did not pay, such a business man would probably get some of the business and probably sell to some of the people brought to town as a result of the advertising of the other business men, yet we are of the opinion that the non-advertiser is "riding" the other five business concerns to that extent. We believe generosity is a commendable spirit, but the habitual "leach" on a majority of the business men of a town should be awakened to a realization of his position, and should he continuously refuse to bear his part of the expense of building up and progressing he deserves no less than a complete boycott on the part of the town and the trade. Are you doing business today as a result of the advertising of the town and the other business concerns?

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GILPIN HAPPENINGS

Mr. W. A. Hawkins made a flying trip to Dickens Monday.

Mr. W. B. Sampson made a business trip to Spur Tuesday.

Mrs. W. A. Hawkins spent Monday in Gilpin.

Rev. Adams, of Jayton filled his regular appointment at the Duck Creek school house Sunday.

Mrs. R. S. Butts, who has been on the sick list has recovered.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett and children spent Saturday and Sunday with kin folks in Kent county.

Mrs. Mary Harris, of Spur, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Butts the first of the week.

L. W. Bilberry and Rev. W. B. Bennett has business in Kent county this week.

Those are busy days for the farmers of Gilpin, who are taking advantage of the good season and fine weather.

Several of the Duck Creek people attended the Girard literary society Friday night and report a good program and a fine time.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Haggins are rejoicing that the infant referred to by the Jayton Herald is on its way to recovery.

The patrons of our schools had better pay that promised visit pretty soon. Only two more weeks to put off what the teachers and pupils are so anxious to have you do.

A very delicate operation was performed at the Jayton Sanitarium Wednesday, a tumor being removed from the brain of a child of Mr. and Mrs. Poet Haggins. We understand that the operation was entirely successful, and that the child is getting along nicely. The Jayton Sanitarium is already achieving a reputation for successful work, and patients are being brought here from all parts of the country.

D. D. Hagins is all smiles. What has come over the burg?—Johnny Jump-Up.

Jeff D. Harkey, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

J. I. Greer, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in the city recently and reports everything in apple pie order.

Bart Hamblen, while butchering a hog for the Central Meat Market one day last week, stuck a knife in his leg about the knee and as a result he will probably be slightly crippled for life. He is reported in serious condition at this time.

Mrs. Johnson, who has been visiting relatives in the Afton country, passed through Spur Tuesday on her return home at Aspermont. She was accompanied home by Miss Walker, of Afton, who will spend some time at Aspermont.

Sebe Lambert and family, of Tap, were in the city Wednesday trading. Mr. Lambert says that he has corn, maize and kafir up now and growing nicely with the very best prospects of an abundant yield. He reports the death of I. G. W. Martin in his community Monday. Mr. Martin came to Tap in February and was making a crop on the Henson place. He came from Callahan county and was a man of about fifty-five years of age. He leaves three small children whom the generous neighbors will care for at least temporarily. The remains were interred Tuesday in the Spur cemetery.

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TAP TELLINGS

J. D. Sparks took a spin out on the Plains a few days ago on business.

Mrs. Charley Sparks of Spur, spent a few days the past week with J. S. Neal and family.

Wallace Hinson was up on Dockum Sunday. Some attraction over there, I guess.

Dave Stiles and family of Post, are visiting at Judge McClain's this week.

B. F. Abney, who has been on an extended trip out west, has returned.

Bob Payne, of the Plains country, is here looking after business matters.

Will and Johnny Smith were here Saturday from North Dockum valley in search of some strayed stock.

Charlie Williamson, who was stricken with appendicitis and attended a hospital in Oklahoma, has returned here.

The balmy spring days the past week has been most favorable for farm work. Planting

will soon be general. Some are planting feed stuff this week.

Rev. Mark Hardin preached here Sunday to a crowded house in the afternoon. The people were entertained by a Brother Jordan of Snyder, a Holiness and Divine healer, but we were lacking of faith, hence his power was not demonstrated here.

I. G. Martin, one of our most highly esteemed friends and neighbor, died Monday. The remains was interred in the Tap cemetery Tuesday at 4 o'clock. A very impressive funeral service was conducted by the Baptist pastor, Rev. Medlin.—Gadabout.

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FLORIDA—\$250 buys a beautiful 10-acre farm near New Smyrna, on the East Coast of Florida; good soil, capable of yielding owner a net income of \$3,000 a year under proper management; close to rail and water transportation; best market facilities, church, school and social advantages; perfect title; terms, \$50 cash, balance \$5.00 a month. No interest, no taxes. Address XYZ, Texas Spur Office.

CLUB MEETING

A meeting of the Commercial Club will be held at the club rooms Thursday afternoon, April 18th, at 4:30 o'clock. Every one who is interested in the progress and development of Spur is invited to be present.

Plans for 1912 will be discussed, and any suggestion that will benefit the town will be received. Farmers are especially invited to come to the meeting.—Jeff D. Reagan, Secretary.

NOTICE

I have bought the Poole Jack and he is now ready for service at the old Haskew Stable in Spur. He will stand the season for \$10 and \$15 to insure colt. Not responsible for accidents.—W. H. Stephens.

Griffiths Carnes, of Dallas, is here visiting Jeff D. Reagan, Jr. and will probably be here several days.

Editor Seldon, of Dickens, was in the city Tuesday on business and spent several hours here. He reports everything in ship shape at Dickens.

When You See the Budding Of the Fig Tree You Know Spring Is Near

Look out upon the prairies and see their new Spring Costumes, how beautiful and cheering to our vision; we must prepare for this glad occasion, winter rags wont suffice now, where can I go to get the prettiest things to wear, so that I may help to make glad and be in harmony with this the most beautiful season of the year; first in my mind is a new hat, and I want something nice but not fussy, and something becoming to me, now this is my hardest job, and I will just go to Miss Burnett's Department at Bryant Link Co. as it is always full of the newest things in millinery, and if she hasn't just the thing in stock I know she can make me one just as I suggest, and I will know as for my head it will be as well crowned as any one in town or country, for there is no more up-to-date Milliner than Miss Burnett. Next I must have a new dress, and Mrs. Herndon's Department is just crowded with new shear dress fabrics of latest weaves and colorings, and she can help me select just the pattern that will be most becoming to me, she also has the Queen Quality, Oxfords, and I wouldn't really be dressed in the most stylish way unless I had a pair of those pumps or straps, they are so neat and nice looking, makes ones feet look two sizes smaller and are so very comfortable, too; I can't overlook silk hose and gloves Mrs. Herndon's Department is always the place to find that line of goods, and there are collars, jabbots, side-frills, collar pins, new spring hand bags, she has the prettiest stock I have ever seen in these lines, and it is very necessary to properly dress that all these little items be taken into consideration, yes, and I was about to forget that I must have three or four new gingham aprons and dresses, and there is only one place to get The Red Seal gingham, the kind that don't fade and launders so well, Mrs. Herndon can show me anything in the gingham line that I want, just any shade or color, she has even a solid red in gingham that is so hard to find in most stocks.

I had just as well go to Bryant-Link Co's, to do my spring shopping for they appreciate the trade and I will be treated courteously there, and if any item I buy don't come up just right they are always ready to make it good, in fact, they have the very best quality of merchandise that can be had in Spur, and they are constantly inviting the people to trade with them through the paper and in many other ways, they have their homes here, and are helping to build up the town and country, so I really feel it my duty to give them a liberal share of my trade.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday both the Baptist and Methodist Sunday schools had an Easter egg hunt for the benefit of the children of each school. The Baptist ladies hid their eggs on top of the hill and in the valley north of town, having the larger boys and girls to hunt on the hill while the smaller children searched the valley for the various colored eggs. After the eggs were found, lunch consisting of eggs, several kinds of cakes and lemonade was served. The Methodist egg hunt was west of town and after all eggs were found they were equally distributed among the many children present. Altogether the Easter egg hunts will long be a pleasant memory to the many children present and participating.

N. Q. Brannen is one among the many who are reported as sufferers of the mumps at this time.

Jim McArthur was in the city this week from his place in the Tap country and spent some time here on business.

T. V. Davis, who is operating a farm and chicken ranch several miles west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and reports everything moving along smoothly in his section.

F. A. Prideaux left Wednesday for the Electra oil fields. Mr. Prideaux has an interest in a large tract of land in that country and since a flowing oil well has been brought in on the adjoining tract he has a proposition to lease his land for a considerable amount of money in connection with an interest in the oil well developments.

C. F. Cates returned last week from a trip of several days up into the Afton country buying chickens and looking after other business matters.

W. F. Clay, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in the city this week on business and to see his sons, W. D. and E. L. Clay, and families.

Ed Jackson returned this week from the Draper country and is now making preparations to move his family back to his farm in that section.

RAIL ROAD BUILDING

G. L. Barber and D. F. Cleg-horn returned Tuesday from Stamford where they had been to investigate the possibilities of securing a contract in grading the right-of-way for the Stamford & Eastern Railway Company. However, they failed to secure a contract and say that only eight miles of the work has been let to contractors at this time. From here they also went to Crosbyton to see what is doing in the Crosbyton, South Plains Railroad circles. They report no success at the latter place. However, later it is presumed that work on both roads will open up.

J. A. Legg, a prominent citizen and farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur one day this week.

Lon Greer, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur this week on business and trading with the merchants.

Henry McCarty was here this week from the Afton country, and spent one day trading and looking after business matters.

J. A. Alston, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city this week for the first time in several weeks.

The Spur Bottling Works made a trial run Saturday and turned out several cases of different flavored soda pop. The trial run demonstrated to the satisfaction of all who have tried the output that the Spur Ice and Bottling Works is well equipped for the business and that Manager Higginbotham knows his business in every detail.

A SIGN BOARD

May attract a few passersby along the road and to that extent is good advertising. But a Sign Board in The Texas Spur will be noticed and read by thousands of men, women and children; will cost you less and will attract more attention. And, then too, you can change the sign each week with no more expense.

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ABOUT BOLL WORMS

The following article was prepared by J. W. Neill, of the State Department of Agriculture, at the request of Mr. Homer D. Wade of Stamford, who has kindly furnished me with a copy. The farmers of this community are urged to follow the advice of Mr. Neill as far as it may be practicable for them to do so.—Jeff D. Reagan, Secretary Spur Commercial Club.

"To make a successful fight against the boll worm, a knowledge of its feeding and life history is necessary, in order to know the best time to fight it and how. There are four stages of its life. First, the egg, second, the caterpillar or worm, third, the pupa, fourth, the adult.

"The insect as a pupa spends its winters in the earth, about four and a half to five inches deep, where it remains until about April 10th, when it emerges as a moth, or millar. From eight to ten days are required to mate and begin egg laying, the latter requiring from five to eight nights. The egg begins to hatch in about four to eight days. The caterpillar, or worm, at once begins to feed and this is the destructive stage, the one in which it does all the damage. It gets its growth in about eight to fourteen days and then again enters the earth and passes through the third, or pupa, coming out a moth, or miller. This takes about ten to sixteen days, completing a life cycle in from twenty-eight to forty days.

"There are three, if not four, generations in a year. A single moth will lay from three hundred and fifty to three thousand eggs in a life time. This means that the third generation will be so large as to destroy a cotton crop. Though called the boll worm, its preference is for corn. Having learned about the time the first moth appear, let every farmer prepare a trap crop to destroy them. I respectfully urge every farmer to break his land as near the fence as possible, as many boll worm chrysalids are secreted under the tufts of grass at the ends of the rows. This will destroy them. It should be broken at least the 20th of March, or as soon thereafter as possible, and plant about three rows; and about six days later plant another three. The corn should be planted very thick, say one grain every four or five inches. The corn will be up from three to ten inches high when egg laying begins. The moths, or millers will deposit the eggs in the top of the young corn, and, upon hatching, the larvae will work their way down to the buds in a few days and the blades will grow out and look as if punctured with shot, this is caused by the young worms eating through the young blades while folded.

"Take a round log about three or four feet long (the big end of a telephone pole will do). Slope the under side at the small end and hitch a horse or mule to it and drag it over the first set of rows of corn. If heavy enough, it will grind and mash them into the earth. Then, as soon as possible, take a turning plow and bury the rows of corn. One furrow will be sufficient.

"Attention should then be turned to the second set of rows, as the moths or millers do not all come out at the same time, and may be several days apart. When the young plants show the riddled condition, destroy them in the same manner as the first. This second trap crop may com-

plete the job, but watch the third as a safeguard. About the 15th of May the first three rows should be planted again, and about one week later plant the second and third. If these measures are carried out, at the proper time and in the right way, I feel sure that the damage will be small. It will require every farmer to co-operate, not only to fight this insect, but all others. One farm can breed enough to re-stock those adjacent to it. The third generation of boll worms is so great in number it is practically impossible to control them. Therefore, every farmer is urged to act quickly. The long continued cold weather may delay the coming of the moths, which will give more time to prepare the trap crops. The fact that many corn and cotton crops have been heretofore almost totally destroyed and many others badly injured, should induce every effort on the part of the farmers to prevent a recurrence of the calamity.

"As further necessary aids to that end, I advise that they save insectivorous birds; adopt rotation of crops; and plant cowpeas in the cornfield and colonize the insects so that they may be destroyed in the fall by early fall breaking of the land while they are in the chrysalis or helpless stage down in the earth. It is a fact that where peas are planted in time to be blooming when the moths emerge from their second or third generations, most of them will deposit eggs on the peas in preference to cotton. The pea crop will aid in building up the soil, besides furnishing a method of colonization of the worms in the cornfield, and a plan for destroying them in the earth. The dates given above apply to the country through which the T. & P. R. R. runs and while the moths may appear a little earlier, or later, the trap crop dates are figured to cover a period of eighteen days. Farther south they appear earlier, while farther north, later. To know just about when the moths appear is an important factor in preparing a trap crop. Therefore, farmers in all parts of the state should study this part of boll worm life and keep a record of its appearance."

AM I ALLOWED TO VOTE?

As to party politics I am a Republican, as a man I am a citizen of Spur and of Texas, as a voter I see no reason why I should be forced to sign a pledge to vote for Harmon before I can vote in the county elections. There is no doubt that the Democratic nominee will carry in Texas. So if I do cast my vote for a Republican president what has that to do with either the county, state or national ticket? As a citizen of Dickens county I should like to have a voice in the county elections, but I cannot swallow all the dope the democratic committee wants to stuff down me.

I will agree to not support a Republican nominee in the county, but that is as far as I will or can go.

I am opposed to party politics as regards a county or city any way. Why not have a blanket primary, let all run who wish, without the name Democrat or Republican in it, then let the two high men compete for the office. This is the only way that the choice of the people can be secured.—A Republican.

NOTICE

I will drill you a well for 40 cts. foot.—Luther Hindman. 23-1f

A DREAM

You will remember several months back Rip-Saw wrote a dream that Bill Craig had about some guinies belonging to M. A. Jordan and later, if you will remember, Rip said that M. A. had lost most all his guinies and that Bill took off a good bunch. We don't know just how nor where Bill got them, but he did get off with a good lot of guinies.

Bill must be a natural born dreamer. He tells us he has had another dream about the few guinies M. A. had left. He says he dreamed that M. A. was awfully bothered about how he would get rid of the rest, so after a while he found a good lady, no doubt a widow-woman. He tells us he dreamed M. A. only had 5 or 6 roosters left and he cut one foot off of one of them and made a trade with the good lady to deliver them in Spur, so he nailed them up in a box, took them under his arm and set out for town and got there early before she come in. He left the guinies with some one and hurried back home before she come in for them. In a day or so he goes back to see if his scheme worked. Well it worked like a charm. The good lady had come, received and paid for the guinies, so M. A. hurried back home again, it being twice he got home before night. His wife could not imagine what was the matter—the dog even barked at him. Never before had he seen him come home in the day time. But this ain't the funny part of the dream. When the lady got home she found her one-legged guinie and all roosters. She come back on M. A. for her money. Well you bet M. A. never got home that day before night, for by the time he explained how the one-legged rooster would be an advantage in that he couldn't get off far from the house to lay, and it being their nature to all lay together the guinies would lay close to the house. But he finally convinced her that her roosters would all lay and she went on home satisfied. This is a mixed up dream but we guess its a fact since Bill tells us it is, and he never denied what Rip said about his other dream.—Johnnie Upatree.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Texas led the Union last year in the erection of school houses, averaging two daily at a total cost of over \$3,000,000. Most of the houses were built without due regard to lighting, heating or ventilation, thus endangering the children and effecting the general efficiency of the schools. It is the duty of school officials and others who are interested in the children of Texas to see that all school buildings erected conform to recognized standards of school architecture. The University of Texas, The Conference for Education in Texas, and the National Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. will send free on request bulletins on school houses and plans for model buildings, thus making it possible for any community to have the service of skilled architects.

DRESS MAKING

Please, one and all call and see me about your spring sewing. Terms reasonable.—Mrs. J. H. Fox. 1f.

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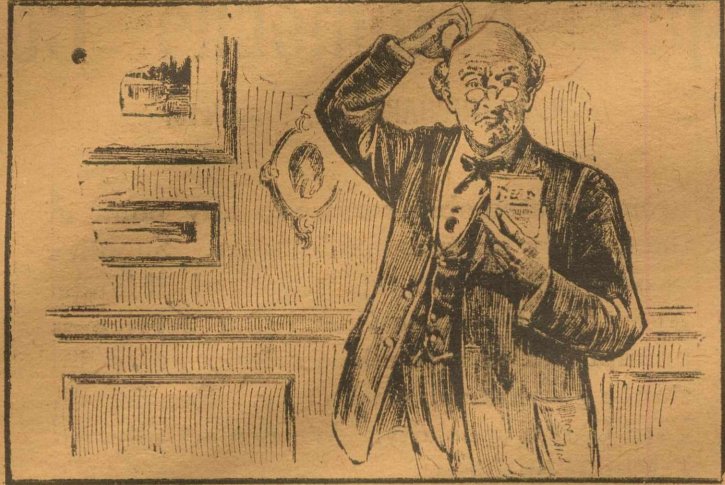
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T. A. Smith, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Monday on business and he reports everything in the finest shape in his section.

D. J. Dunn is reported suffering this week of the mumps and as a result his many friends here are very solicitous of an early and complete recovery.

Mr. Edgar, who was formerly employed at the postoffice but who has been in California the past several months, returned last week and is now visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

AN HONEST BUTCHER

Guest—How do you always manage to have such delicious beef?

Hostess—I select a good, honest butcher and then stand by him.

Guest—You mean that you give him all your trade?

Hostess—No, I mean that I stand by him when he is cutting the meat.

Mace Hunter was in Saturday from his place four miles east of Spur and says that crop conditions are the very finest. Mr. Hunter is one of the number of farmers of Dickens county who has entered the state contest for the best crops to be grown this year. Mr. Hunter has a fine place, rich soil and with proper attention we are confident that he will secure a premium.

NEW HOPE

A. Smoot is in our community.

Frank Speers' school closed last Friday.

The Shinnery-twigs and Dickens played a ball game last Saturday as an introduction on opening of the season.

One of our noted divines and of state-wide reputation spoke here on Christian Citizenship. He gave a short biographical sketch of his past life before taking up the subject.

Among the delegates to the Fifth Sunday meeting which we failed to mention in our last report were Messrs. Rutherford, Stearns, of the Plains country, Martin Hinson, and Bennett, and perhaps others whose names we did not get.

W. W. Fewel, late of Ballinger, said: "I believe that church and state should be separate and apart but when our first written constitution was formulated at Jamestown it was opened with prayer.

C. M. Buchanan has built a kitchen on the north side of, and a gallery all the way along on the west side of his residence. He also has erected a water tank south of the chicken house so that the residence may be supplied with water.

One of our noted warriors after conquering and being victorious in many battles, wept because he had no more victories to win, yet we do not teach our rising generation to emulate such characters. God's words are the sword of the spirit. How can we go without except we be within. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you." Christian Citizenship. He also stated how our fore fathers fought so bravely at Bunker Hill, Trenton, and Saratoga, for our independence and even in our own Star State, the Alamo, Goliad and San Jacinto that we might live and prosper in this magnificent and glorious state, so Christ died and was buried in the tomb and that He arose again out of the grave and ascended to Heaven that we might live and our sins be forgiven.—Onion.

NO WIND-BROKEN HORSES

"You never see a broken winded horse in Norway," said a horse doctor. "That's because the horses there are allowed to drink while they eat, the same as mankind. Our horses, let them be ever so thirsty, must still eat their fodder dry, their hay dry, oats and corn with nothing to wash them down; but in Norway every horse has a bucket of water beside his manger, and as he eats he drinks also. It is interesting to see how the Norwegian horses relish their water with their meals. Now they sip a little from the bucket, now they eat a mouthful, just like a rational human being.—Mineral Wells Index.

Little Miss Mary Francis entertained a number of her boy and girl friends Friday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Walker in the northwest part of the city. The occasion was a birthday party in celebration of Miss Mary Francis' ninth anniversary, and was enjoyed by quite a number of her little friends. Refreshments of lemonade, a variety of candies of both home and foreign make, cakes, nuts, etc., were served and little Miss Mary Francis received many birthday presents and tokens of remembrance.

COUNTY TRUSTEE ELECTION

Following are the returns of the election held in Spur Saturday for the election of five trustees for the schools of Dickens county, there being one trustee from each commissioner's precinct and one at large to be elected:

Precinct No. 1—Minor Wilson, 22; J. D. Harkey, 3; Jno. O. Wilkenson, 1.

Precinct No. 2—E. D. Chambers, 25; Otho Hale, 1.

Precinct No. 3—Jeff D. Reagan, 24; P. H. Miller, 1; G. T. Brandon, 1. Total votes, 26.

Precinct No. 4—L. G. Crabtree, 25.

At Large—J. P. Gibson, 24; J. D. Reagan, 1.

We have not yet received the returns from the entire county and until they are in we cannot say who will be the trustees of the Dickens county schools.

EDUCATIONAL DAY IN TEXAS

Austin, Texas, March.—A n announcement, signed by President Mezes of the State University, Chas. Puryear, Dean of the A. & M. College, Dr. S. P. Brooks, of Baylor, M. B. Bizzell, Lee Clark, of the Conference for Education, R. B. Cousins and F. E. Bralley has been sent out to the citizens of Texas, setting aside Friday April 26th as "Education Day" in Texas and recommending that superintendent, teachers and boards of school trustees arrange for the observance of that day throughout the entire state. The movement was started by the late Alexander Hogg, the noted educator, and it is in his memory that the day is to be set aside.

COUNTY SEAT CASE

The Court of Civil Appeals after thoroughly considering appellee's motion for re-hearing in the Crosby county contest case came to the opinion that it might have been in error in deciding against Crosbyton and therefore referred the important question to the Supreme Court for its opinion.

This removes the case to Austin and the question will be thoroughly argued before the Supreme Court at the proper time.—Crosbyton Review.

Those who have requested me to order broom corn seed are hereby notified that the seed are at the Spur Grain store where they can be had upon calling for them.—Jeff D. Reagan, Secretary Commercial Club.

Judge McClain was in Saturday from his Cat Fish ranch and says there is more interest manifested in farming in Kent county than in Kent county politics, although a warm campaign is now underway.

J. L. Curry, who is farming near Spur, was in the city Saturday and handed us a dollar for the paper, stating that he did not wish to offend us in the least, but that he had a surplus of coin and had to get rid of it some way. We like to be accommodating and if there are others afflicted with a surplus of coin we will gladly relieve them in like manner.

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill country, was in the city the latter part of last week and reports everything in his section of the country in the very finest condition with respect to seasons and bumper crop prospects. This country never had better crop prospects than at the present time and as a result we are expecting to have a record breaking crop this year of every character.

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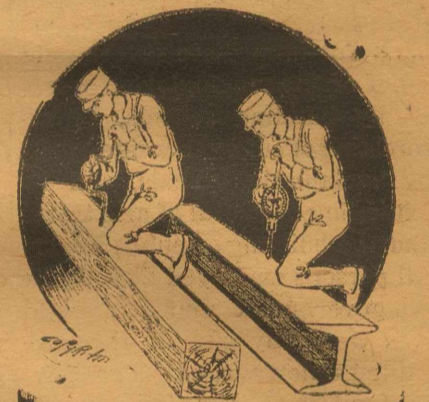
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SOCIALIST PLATFORM

Following is the platform adopted by the Socialist Party, and since there are many who do not know what the Socialist Party stands for, we are requested to publish the platform in full for the benefit of those who do wish to know:

1—The immediate government relief of the unemployed workers by building schools, by reforestation of cut-over waste lands, by reclamation canals, and by extending all useful of arid tracts and the building of public works. All persons employed directly by the government under an eight hour work day and at the prevailing union wages. The government shall also loan money to states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works. It shall contribute to the funds of labor organizations for the pur-

pose of assisting their unemployed members, and shall take such other measures, within its power, as will lessen the widespread misery of the workers caused by the misrule of the capitalist class.

2—The collective ownership of railroads, telegraph, telephones, steamship lines, and all other means of transportation and communication.

There can be no absolute private title to land. All private titles, whether called fee simple or otherwise, are and must be subordinate to the public title. The Socialist party strives to prevent land from being used for the purpose of exploitation and speculation. It demands the collective possession, control or management of land to whatever extent may be necessary to attain that end. It is not opposed to the occupation and possession of land by those

using it in a bona fide manner without exploitation.

3—The collective ownership of all industries which are organized on a national scale and in which competition has virtually ceased to exist.

4—The extension of the public domain to include mines, quarries, oil wells, forests and water power.

5—The scientific restoration of timber lands and reclamation of swamp lands. The lands so reforested or reclaimed to be permanently retained as a part of the public domain.

6—The absolute freedom of press, speech and assemblage.

7—The improvement of the industrial condition of the workers.

Industrial Demands.

(a) By shortening the work-day in keeping with the increased productiveness of machinery.

(b) By securing to every worker a rest period of not less than a day and half in each week.

(c) By securing a more effective inspection of workshops and factories.

(d) By forbidding the employment of children under sixteen years of age.

(e) By forbidding the interstate transportation of the products of child labor, of convict labor and of all uninspected factories.

(f) By abolishing official charity and substituting in its place compulsory insurance against unemployment, illness, accidents, invalidism, old age and death.

Political Demands.

8—The extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the amount of the bequests and to the nearness of kin.

9—A graduated income tax.

10—Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women, and we pledge ourselves to engage in an active campaign in that direction.

11—The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall.

12—The abolition of the senate.

13—The abolition of the power usurped by the supreme court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of legislation enacted by congress. National laws to be repealed or abrogated only by act of congress or by a referendum of the whole people.

14—That the constitution be made amendable by majority vote.

15—The enactment of further measures for general education and for conservation of health. The bureau of education to be made a department. The creation of a department of a public health.

16—The separation of the present bureau of labor, and the establishment of a department of labor.

17—That all judges be elected by the people for short terms, and that the power to issue injunctions shall be curbed by immediate legislation.

18—The free administration of justice.

Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole power of government in order that they may lay hold of the whole system of industry and thus come to their rightful inheritance.

R. C. Forbis and wife, of Afton, were in the city Wednesday trading.

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Harry Ward, the popular grocery drummer, was in Spur this week looking after the trade.

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Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, of Munday, are in the city visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell.

Give us an opportunity to show you just how promptly an order can be delivered after phoning 139.

You can get anything you want at the Wonder.

Rev. Medlin, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday and spent several hours here on business and meeting his friends.

Call or phone Sol Davis for everything in first-class groceries

John Sparks, of Tap, was in the city Wednesday and spent some time here trading and shaking hands with his friends.

Call and look over our spring and summer line of dress goods, flouncing, banding and embroidered dress goods.—Sol Davis.

STRAYED—One large sorrel horse, three white feet, white star in forehead. Notify E. C. Edmonds and receivereward. 231f

Spring Time

In thinking over your needs for spring, "THINK OVER THE PRICE," and where your dollar may best serve your demands. Then view around, and see "WHAT'S" doing. We are not in business as idlers; our purpose is to show our Merchandise. In this connection we invite every man, woman and child in this section of Texas to come and look, regardless of what you need, maybe we are now in splendid shape for your visit. New Linens, New Gingham, Hosiery, Muslin Underwear, Ribbons, All-Over Laces, Chiffon Veiling; in fact, we are here with the goods. New Oxfords in white for Ladies, Misses and Children to arrive during next week; also White Hose to match. New Suits and Odd Pants for the Boys. New Odd Pants for Men, and many other interesting items worth notice. Come and see us if you are open for "CONVICTION." we can show you why you shall trade here.

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